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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

TO ALL WOOD TOKEN COLLECTORS:

It is my pleasure to extend to all of you best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 1981. May you continue to reap the many rewards of our great hobby.

As you make your plans for 1981 be sure to block off the date of Sunday, July 26th. On that date we will hold our C.A.W.M.C. Annual Meeting in Toronto. It will start with coffee and trading at 8:30 A.M., breakfast as soon as the trading slows down - probably 9:30 A.M. - and our Annual Meeting, and more trading after that. Hopefully we will adjourn around noon. Those of you who attended our Annual Meeting in Montreal last July will know about the great fun we can have - and there will be lots of new woods, too.

Incidentally, the C.A.W.M.C. Annual Meeting date ties in with the C.N.A. Annual Meeting in Toronto, July 23 - 27th and is at the famous Royal York Hotel.

Also, I am currently exploring the possibility of a similar style C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting for Saturday morning April 25th in Niagara Falls. This is in conjunction with the O.N.A. Annual Meeting. I'll confirm exact plans later. I can tell you that C.A.W.M.C. will also be well represented at the A.P.N.A. Spring Rally, May 8 - 10 in Fredericton. Norm Wells, Stan Clute, Glenn Rodger, Earl Salterio and more than likely Geoff Bell all will attend. There will be a Regional C.A.W.M.C. meeting held at this A.P.N.A. Show.

So, there's a few things to work into your plans for 1981. Hope to see you at the O.N.A. and C.N.A. Convention C.A.W.M.C. meetings. Good collecting.

Yours Sincerely,

Don Robb,
President 1979-81
C.A.W.M.C. # 72.

Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$5 per calendar year & should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Watt, 1153 Northridge St., Oshawa, Ont., L1G 3P3

NIPAWIN PLAQUES & PINS: Scoop Lewry advises that the Chamber of Commerce at Nipawin, Saskatchewan is offering for sale wooden plaques and pins. The pins measure approximately 3" x 1 1/8" with dark bark around the edge and the words NIPAWIN SASKATCHEWAN on the obverse. The reverse carries a pin for attaching to clothes. The plaques are approximately 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" in size, on birch wood with the bark attached. A pine cone is attached at the top and the town's crest appears at the bottom. We regret being unable to photocopy these pieces for illustration due to their three-dimensional nature. While not really wooden tokens, these very attractive wooden mementoes would undoubtedly be appealing to wood enthusiasts. They are available from Scoop Lewry, 1161 - 3rd Ave. N.W., Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 3V1 at a cost of \$1.75 for the pins and \$1.00 for the plaques.

WHOOPING CRANE WOOD:



Member Glen Littrell, 5806 Limerick St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78413, U.S.A., has released his third annual edition of "Whooping Crane" Coin Week wood. The description provided by Glen is as follows:

Obverse: HIS MAJESTY - KING OF NUMISMATICS - J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON

The name J. Douglas Ferguson is like an eternal inscription on a tabloid, engraved by the admiration of men who have known him on the road of time. He was born in rural Ontario in 1901 and later moved to Toronto where he completed his formal education at the University of Toronto.

His success in the field of business was remarkable and before he retired he served as Chairman of the Canadian Business and Industry Committee to N.A.T.O. and was Vice-president of the OECD World Body in Paris.

Mr. Ferguson attended his first A.N.A. Convention in 1930 at Buffalo, N.Y. and eleven years later, in 1941 he was elected President of the A.N.A. at Cincinnati, Ohio. He has also served as Honorary President of the C.N.A. for many years.

The formation of the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation and its annual Gold Medal Award has served as a catalyst for numismatic endeavours throughout the western world.

J. D. himself has been the recipient of many noteworthy awards, including the Farran Zerbe Award in 1966, which is the highest award in American numismatics. He also received the Medal of Merit of the A.N.A. in 1947 and the Presidential Medal in 1948.

His famed diplomatic style, seasoned with a generous helping of unpretentiousness is matched by a staggering storehouse of numismatic knowledge. The need and desire to serve others has always been a motivating force in his everyday life. He has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty and has looked for the best in others, and given the best he had. His life has indeed been an inspiration to all who know him.

The ten crowns in the design depict the 10 provinces of Canada and the canoe and the lamp are from the logos of the C.N.A. and A. N. A.

Reverse: THE MAJESTIC WHOOPING CRANE - KING OF ALL THE BIRDS THAT FLY
(Grus Ameriana)

From the salt marshes of Black Jack Peninsula, a few miles north of Corpus Christi, Texas, comes an unknown cue and a select gaggle of whooping cranes takes off and spirals up into the sky until they disappear into the blue yonder. Then, dim with distance comes the sound of bugling as the whoopers sweep north through the crisp April sky.

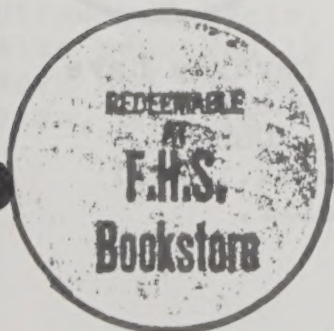
Shortly after, there is another family airborne and then another and another, but no more than 100 for that is the limit of population for this almost extinct bird. Standing almost seven feet tall, the whooper is the tallest of all North American birds. In the air it is even more magnificent. In flight the white wings spread six feet in width and the black tips fan out like fingers and the head is extended forward, giving one the impression of the famous transoceanic Concorde streaking across the heavens. The whoopers great white wings beat a powerful rhythm with a quick, strong, upward flick that propells the bird forward at about 45 miles and hour.

Each Spring this beautiful bird selects the third week in April to migrate to their Summer home at Wood Buffalo National Park between the headwaters of the Nyarling, the Sass and the Klewi rivers in the sub-arctic delta of Northern Canada.

It is coincidental that both the United States and Canada have mutually agreed to focus on COIN WEEK on the same third week in April. Both countries are committed to the mutual protection of the endangered Whooping Crane. It is fitting that in this exact time frame the mighty whoopers can be sighted crossing the common borders of these two great countries.



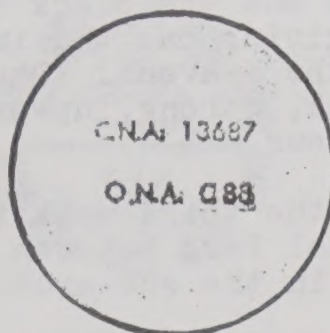
John Brennan's new cancer wood (black ink) is available free with SASE and, if possible a 25¢ donation (which John will forward to the Cancer Society) if desired. Write to John at 186 Pleasant Park Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 5M5



From Ian Graham, 120 Oxford Street, Fredericton, N. B., E3B 2W3, comes the following information on a wooden token issued by the Fredericton High School (shown at left):

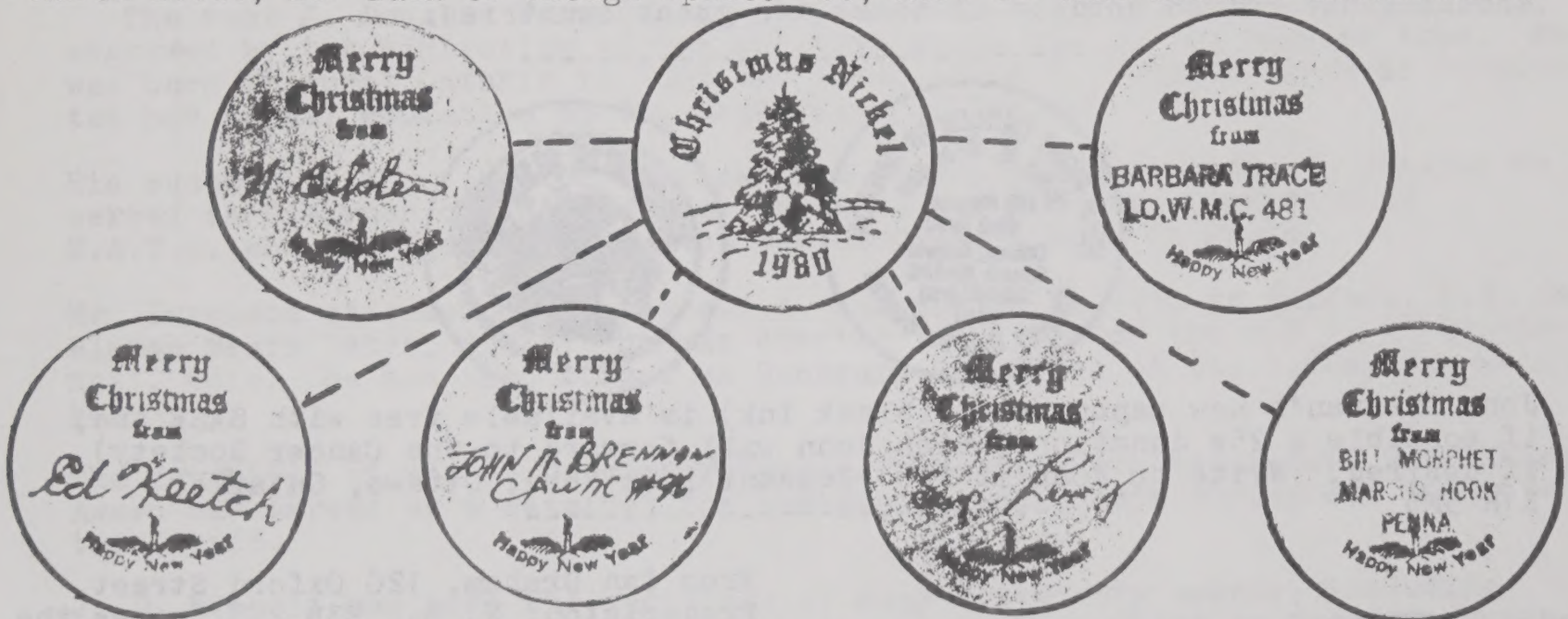
"I have enclosed a new wood from Fredericton High School. It was unearthed by Earl Salterio's son. I graduated a couple of years early and did not know about them." They are available from Ian at 50¢ each plus SASE.

Member J. Douglas Ferguson has drawn our attention to a recent issue of wood by A. & T. Scott Concrete Products Ltd., Box 498, Lakefield, Ontario. The town of Lakefield is located just a little North of Peterborough; it is a very picturesque community on the way North to Summer cottage country. We have no information on the cost or availability of these woods, so it is suggested that you send a reasonable amount - 50¢ or \$1 to the Scott firm with your request for a wood.



The Scarborough Coin Club recently had issued a new wood, which is available at 50¢ each plus SASE. Write to the Scarborough Coin Club, Box 465, West Hill Post Office, West Hill, Ontario, M1E 2P0

MORE CHRISTMAS WOODS: Your Editor has received so many Christmas woods - both rounds and flats - from members that we will still be publishing them in the March issue, for lack of enough space. So, here is this month's installment.



Personalized round woods sharing a common green Christmas tree reverse have been issued, usually in limited quantities (and therefore not generally available) by members Norm Belsten - Downsview, Ont.; Ed Keetch - Oshawa, Ont.; John Brennan - Ottawa, Ont.; "Scoop" Lewry - Moose Jaw, Sask.; Bill Morphet - Marcus Hook, PA.; and Barbara Trace - Los Angeles, Calif.

A dollar-size Christmas round was received from Gelvin Leeper, 1350 North Hancock St., Fremont, Nebraska 68025, U. S. A. On the reverse is a red Santa Claus head. The obverse is shown at right.

Also received and shown at right were two "regular" size homemade woods sent by Norm Wells of Peterborough, Ontario - one with a Santa Claus reverse and the other with a Christmas tree reverse.

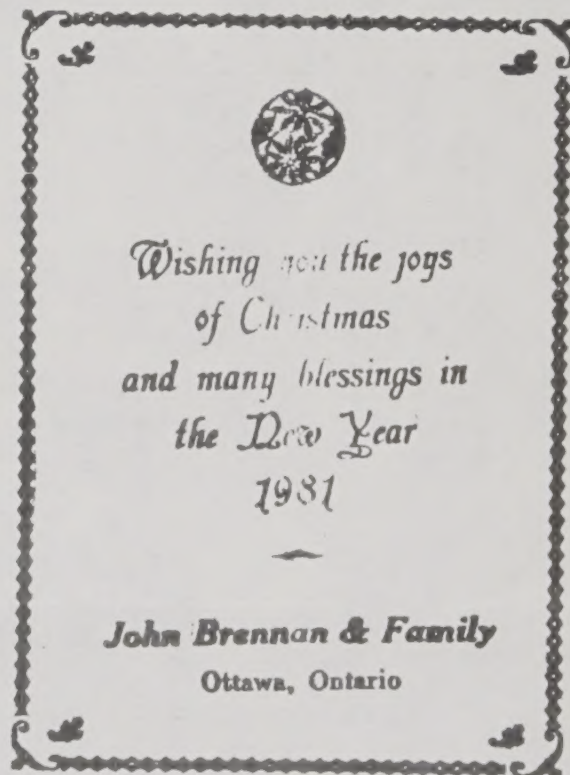
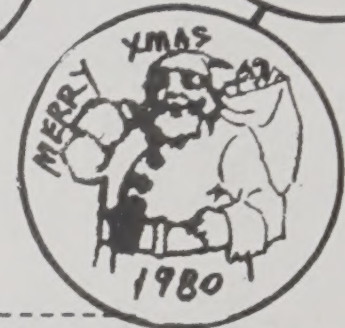
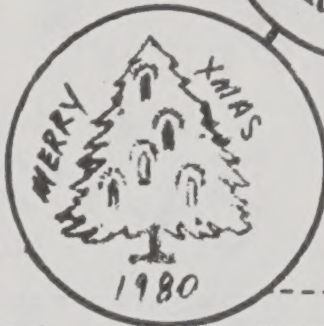
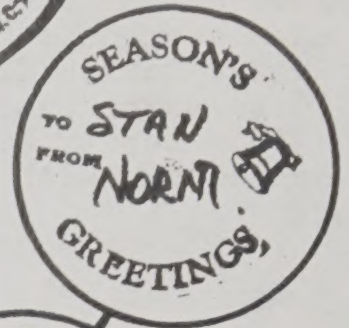
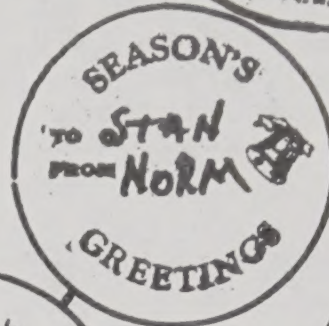
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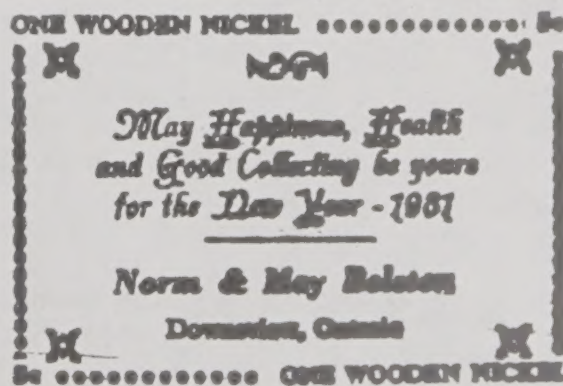
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Among the Christmas flats received is an issue by John Brennan and Family of Ottawa, Ontario, shown above. Also received is an issue by Norm and May Belsten of Downsview, Ontario, shown at right.



CONGRATULATIONS, ONCE AGAIN:

Once more congratulations are in order for member Louis H. "Scoop" Lewry, who, in November was presented with the Moose Jaw medal of Merit at a city council meeting. Mayor Herb Taylor said the medal was presented for outstanding dedication and service over many years. This was only the third or fourth time the medal has been presented in the last eight years. Scoop was an alderman from 1948 to 1949, mayor from 1949 to 1956, M.P. for Moose Jaw - Lake Centre from 1957 to 1959, on the Local Government Board from 1958 to 1964, mayor again from 1965 to 1970, and on the Local Government Board since 1970. Deputy Mayor Jack Armstrong pinned the medal on Lewry and Taylor presented him with a framed citation.



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